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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Himachal Predesh at present, district-wise;

(b) the number of telephone connections provided during the last three years and till date, district-wise;

(c) the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared;

(d) the number of applications received under discretionary quota in the State during the last three years till date; and

(e) the number of telephone connections provided under the said quota during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The number of persons on waiting list for telephone connections as on 31.3.2001in Himachal Pradesh as per the District-wise details given below.

S.No.	District	No.of Perons on waiting list (as on 31.3.2001)
1	Kangra	12897
2	Chamba	1329
3	Kullu	1006
4	Lahaul-Spiti	538
5	Mandi	4344
6	Bilaspur	3407
7	Hamirpur	5164
8	Una	3973
9	Shimla	3778
10	Kinnaur	530
11	Solan	1979
12	Sirmaur	1870
	Total	40815

(b) The number of telephone connections provided district wise during last three years is as under:-

S.No.	District	No.of telephone connections provided during 98-99	99-2000	2000-01
1	Kangra	9459	13781	13079
2	Chamba	738	2707	2586
3	Kullu	2878	2625	3246
4	Lahaul-Spiti	466	1050	533
5	Mandi	5207	7069	7455

6	Bilaspur	2143	3790	3775
7	Hamirpur	3417	5810	6608
8	Una	2975	5174	5742
9	Shimla	7240	7795	8510
10	Kinnaur	1714	2014	1021
11	Solan	3795	4497	5876
12	Sirmaur	3188	3715	3330
	Total	43217	60027	61761

(c) The existing waiting list is likely to be cleared by March, 2002 subject to the availability of equipment and other associated material.

(d) The number of applications received under discretionary quota in the state during the last three years is as under

Year	No. of Applications received
1998-99	244
1999-00	520
2000-01	970
Total	1734

(e) The number of telephone connections provided under the said quota:

Year	No. of telephone connections provided
1998-99	244
1999-00	512
2000-01	664
Total	1420